

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
TARIFF ADVICE FILING AND PETITION FOR RELIEF

DOCKET NO. 5133

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